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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM GENSCHER

REF: TOSEC 310056

THE FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 26 WHICH
WAS HAND-DELIVERED TO THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE FROM THE
GERMAN EMBASSY. BEGIN TEXT:

1. DEAR HENRY: I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER
DATED NOVEMBER 11, 1976. WITH INTEREST I HAVE TAKEN
NOTICE OF YOUR STATEMENTS CONCERNING A POSSIBLE OIL PRICE
INCREASE BY THE FORTHCOMING OPEC MINISTERIAL MEETING AND
ITS EFFECTS ON THE ENTIRE WORLD ECONOMY. I SHARE YOUR
CONCERN THAT A PRICE INCREASE WILL HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES
ON NUMEROUS COUNTRIES' ECONOMIES AND BALANCES OF
PAYMENTS, ESPECIALLY ON THOSE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

2. I BELIEVE THAT IT WILL BE USEFUL TO DISCUSS THESE
CONCERNS. IN THIS CONTEXT, IT APPEARS ADVISABLE TO
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INITIALLY EXCHANGE OUR VIEWS BILATERALLY. I WOULD

APPRECIATE IF ONE OF YOUR REPRESENTATIVES COULD COME TO BONN IN ORDER TO INITIATE CONTACT IN THIS MATTER. WE COULD JOINTLY DELIBERATE ON WHETHER AND HOW EACH OF US SHOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE AND WHICH COUNTRIES WE SHOULD APPROACH IN ORDER TO EMPHASIZE OUR CONCERN.

3. WE OUGHT TO PROVIDE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL TALKS TO BE AS DISCRETE AS POSSIBLE, IF ONLY TO PREVENT THE DANGER OF INDURATION CAUSED BY MISUNDERSTANDINGS ON THE SIDE OF THE OIL COUNTRIES.

4. FURTHERMORE, IT COULD BE USEFUL TO MAINTAIN CONTACTS AMONG OUR FOUR COUNTRIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. WARM REGARDS, SIGNED HANS-DIETRICH GENSCHER END TEXT.

5. GENSCHER SIGNED THIS LETTER BEFORE THE DISCUSSION BETWEEN UNDER SECRETARY ROGERS AND AMBASSADOR ROBERT IN PARIS, WHICH WAS REPORTED IN TOSEC 310056. ROBINSON

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